

1. Subject
"New Commons"

2 Location
South of road no 621, 4 1/2 miles northwest

3 Date
Later part of the 18th century

4 . Ownership
Prior to 1807, George Carter, conveyed to him by his Father , Counselor Cart
1807 Mather Lee.
1836 John Lipscomb
1894 , Wm Hayden, Still owned and occupied by the Hayden family.

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Description

The original house, of stone , contained four rooms, some years later there was a frame addition of four more rooms , and still later five were added, There is a very large stone chimney on the east side , and the old part contained three fireplaces, all the doors are heavy battened doors with the latches and hinges.

The walls are over 18 in. thick
The windows in the old part are mostly 1w pane , 6x8 , but those of the second story are very small (6 panes) .

The setting of the house, surrounded by flower and kitchen garden, and some fine trees all has the appearance of age.

6 Historical Significance.

This was Carter land about here, at the time that the original house on the place was built, Portici , being one of the adjoining farms, and the Liberia land came very near, the first Post Office in that section being located but a short distance away.

During the War between the States the Union Army was camped on the property and there is still a fence in use made from the split logs of the cabin which they erected as winter quarters.

At time that Mr Hayden bought the place it had grown up in pine and practically all the cultivated fields today, were at that time entirely covered with undergrowth, The place was quite fittingly named "The Wilderness",

The new owners who had come from the Cathedral Town of Exeter , in England, gave it the present name.

7 Art . photo
8 Sources of Information.

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